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Stated Meeting, February 6, 1891.

Present, 17 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted and accessions to the Library were announced.

The President announced the death of Hon. George Bancroft (January 17, 1891), æt. 91, and, on motion, was authorized to appoint a suitable person to prepare the usual obituary notice. Prof. J. Bach McMaster was subsequently appointed.

Pending nominations 1217, 1218 and 1219 were read.

Mr. Arthur Biddle presented a report from the Committee on the Etting Bequest, recommending that the Society decline to take any part in the litigation arising out of the caveat filed to the last two codicils of the will of F. M. Etting, deceased, now pending, and that the Society decline to act as Trustee under said will.

On motion of Mr. Horner, the report was accepted.

On motion of Dr. Morris, the Society declined to litigate under the caveat to the last two codicils now pending.

On motion of Mr. Horner, the Society declined to accept the trust.

On motion of Mr. Biddle, the Secretaries were requested to notify the executors of the action of the Society.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, February 20, 1891.

Present, 12 members.

Mr. WILLIAM A. INGHAM in the Chair.

The death of Prof. Alexander Winchell, Ann Arbor, Mich., February 18, 1891, æt. 72, was reported.

Correspondence was submitted and accessions to the Library were reported.

The Free Public Library, Jersey City, was placed on exchange list to receive Proceedings.

The Library Committee reported suggestions to facilitate the replacing of the books on the shelves in the Society's Library; that the Library room should be finished; that book-cases to contain works of reference should be placed in the meeting room, and that the Society should appropriate \$500 for the purchase of new books.

After this latter recommendation had been presented, a letter was read from the Treasurer requesting that no appropriation should be made for that purpose for the present, giving his reasons for the same.

The Committee's recommendation was postponed for the present.

The minutes of the Board of Officers and Council were submitted.

Pending nominations Nos. 1217, 1218 and 1219 were read, spoken to, and balloted for, and No. 2187, Commander F. M. Green, U. S. School Ship *Saratoga*, was declared elected a member of the Society.

And the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.

Stated Meeting, March 6, 1891.

Present, 19 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was presented and donations to the Library reported :

A letter from Theodore Turrettini (Geneva, February 8, 1891) accepting membership.